

I fully support this petition. The recent elimination of the Advanced and Novice licenses as new offerings leaves current license-holders with no way to preserve their earned exam credits and leaves the FCC with two classes of licenses that don't lend themselves to uniform management. By combining technical and regulatory skills already tested with a lengthy time-in-grade requirement, the product will be an operator with full qualifications to operate under the higher grade license. In the case of the Advanced Class operator, this move would simply restore operating privileges (all frequencies and modes) already held prior to adopting the incentive licensing program. Many Advanced Class operators such as myself have subsequently earned other technical certifications, such as my General Radiotelephone License and my SBE certification as Certified Broadcast Technologist. Persons who have continued to renew an Amateur License for 20 years are also likely to be actively involved in amateur operations, gaining on-the-air technical knowledge and providing regular public services as needed. Please adopt this proposal.